

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/050,574

Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to October 28, 2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-7.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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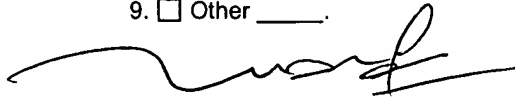
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____


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DETAILED ACTION

1. This action is responsive to the application filed on January 18, 2002 and the Amendment filed on October 28, 2005.

Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for the indication of allowable claimed subject matter:

As Applicant pointed out under Remarks, page 16, last paragraph, although Sato discloses "a load testing apparatus, a computer readable recording medium for recording a load test program, a fault diagnosis apparatus, and a computer readable recording medium for recording a fault diagnosis program, which can produce a highly reliable test result and can identify a defective point with rapidity" (e.g., col.3: 56-61), Sato's teaching is for conducting a load test on a parallel processor system, which is a kind of supercomputer (Remarks, page 16, last paragraph) and not in an analogous art.

Although Heller discloses detecting "faults in PCB's (printed circuit board) at the component level, while the components are in-circuit, without damage to the component" and providing "a tester that will test functionally at the board level and at the component level while the components are in-circuit" (e.g., col.5: 29-45), Heller's teaching does not perform the detailed steps as in such a manner as recited in independent claims 1 and 5.

Prior art of record does not fairly teach and/or suggest such "*a method for performing a load flow test among a plurality of IEEE 1394 controllers, wherein said IEEE 1394 controllers are disposed on a plurality of interface cards individually, ..., wherein steps (a) to (i) are performed sequentially*" and in as such a manner as recited in independent claim 1. Nor "*a method for performing a load flow test between a master interface card and a slave interface card, ..., wherein steps (a) to (i) are performed sequentially*" and as in such a manner as recited in independent claim 5.

These claimed limitations are not present in the prior art of record and would not have been obvious, thus all pending claims 1-7 are allowed.

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3. Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to examiner Thuy Dao (Twee), whose telephone is (571) 272 8570. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday – Friday from 6:30AM to 3:00PM.


If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Tuan Q. Dam, can be reached at (571) 272 3695.

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